

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 10th December 1959.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

I.—OBITUARY REFERENCE TO SRI P. SELVARAJ.

MR. SPEAKER : 1952-ம் ஆண்டிலிருந்து 1957-ம் ஆண்டு வரை விளாத்திக்குளம் தொகுதியிலிருந்து வந்து இந்த சட்டசபை அங்கத்தினராகயிருந்த பி. செல்வராஜ் அவர்கள் இறந்துபோன செய்தியை நான் உங்களுக்கு வருத்தத்துடன் சொல்லிக்கொள்கிறேன். உங்கள் அனுதாபத்தை தெரிவிக்கும் வகையில் ஒரு நிமிஷம் நிற்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.

சபை அங்கத்தினர்கள் ஒரு நிமிஷ நேரம் மௌனமாக நின்றார்கள்.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER : Now we will take up questions postponed from 7th December 1959.

Admission to Professional Colleges

* 15 Q.—SRI T. T. DANIEL (on behalf of Sri S. Lazar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether Christians amongst the Scheduled Castes are treated on a par with the Hindus in those castes in the matter of admission to Government colleges with special reference to professional colleges; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) No, Sir. Christians who are themselves converts from a Scheduled Caste are treated as ' Backward ' and counted towards the quota reserved for Backward Classes. Other Christians among Scheduled Castes are treated as Non-Backward. It is considered that they are not in need of the reservation.

* 16 Q.—SRI T. T. DANIEL (on behalf of Sri S. Lazar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether Christians amongst Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes are treated on a par with the Hindus in those classes in the matter of admission to Government colleges with special reference to professional colleges; and

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(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) & (b) No. Sir. Christian converts from Backward and Most Backward Classes are treated as non-backward for purposes of admission to all educational institutions as it is considered that they are not in need of the protection offered by the reservation.

* 17 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether seats reserved in the Medical and Engineering Colleges for the students who have returned to India from Ceylon have been filled in 1957-58 and 1958-59?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: One seat was reserved for the Pre-Professional course leading to the M.B.B.S. degree during 1958-59 and this was filled up. No such reservation was made in 1957-58. As regards Engineering Colleges, two seats were reserved during each of the years 1957-58 and 1958-59 but there were no applications.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: May I know how they were filled up? Who were filled up in those vacancies?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: They have gone back to the general pool.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: May I know whether there is any reciprocal system obtaining in Ceylon of giving seats to students of Madras State if they happen to seek admission in that island?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I may ask the hon. Member to look into the question. This is with reference to students who had returned to India from Ceylon. These are Indian nationals who had returned to India. I do not think any reciprocal arrangement could arise from this.

Nursery schools in Tamil medium

* 24 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to open nursery schools with Tamil as medium of instruction?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Are there any nursery schools run by private bodies wherein the medium of instruction is Tamil and for which Government are giving aid?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not have the information here.